for the provision of a Multi-modal Sub-urban Commuter Transport System for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

(c) The then Minister of Railways had announced that the introduction of a 'Palace-on-Wheels' type of train would be considered for Andhra Pradesh.

(d) to (f) The process of obtaining necessary approvals for the fixed infrastructure component of the Multi-modal Sub-urban Transport Project costing Rs. 70 Crores has been initiated. The project will be further processed for inclusion in the Budget after the approvals have been accorded. Its completion will depend upon the time when all the necessary approvals are received.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have not given consent to bearing their share of the capital cost of the 'Palace-on-Wheels' type of train. Indian Railways will consider the running of mis train on receipt of their consent.

Laying of Panipat-Shamli-Kairana-Muzaffarnagar rail line

† 3640. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted to lay Panipat-Shamli-Kairana-Muzaffarnagar rail line;

(b) if so, the full details thereof; and

(c) what is the present position and by when the same would be laid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The survey for new broad gauge line from Panipat to Muzaffarnagar *via* Shamli and Kairana (83kms.) has been completed recently. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this line has been assessed as Rs. 256 crores with a negative rate of return. Due to constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of this project, it has not been considered feasible to take up the work.

Period fixed for inquiry into rail accidents

† 3641. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) die period fixed by the Railway Board for completion of inquiries into rail accidents;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of cases of rail accidents wherein action is going on;

(c) whether Government are aware of non-completion of inquiry into those accidents on time; and

(d) if so, the concrete measure taken by Government to complete inquiries into such accidents within the stipulated period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Period prescribed by the Railway Board for finalisation of accident inquiry is as under.—

(1) Departmental Inquiry — D+10

(2) Commissioner of Railway Safety's Inquiry:—

(i) Preliminary Report — D+10

(ii) Final Report — D+60

(b) As on 30.06.2001, 8 accident inquiries were pending completion beyond target date. Of these 6 are Departmental inquiries and 2 accidents are being inquired into by Judicial Commissions.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Close monitoring is done to expedite finalisation of delayed accident inquiries.

Railway projects in Maharashtra

3642. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway projects submitted by the Maharashtra Government during the last three years and the estimated cost thereof;

(b) the details of action taken so far; and

(c) the details of progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Planning of Railways services or projects is made keeping a national perspective in view and taking an integrated view of traffic demands as well as of system requirements. Geographical boundaries of a State do not form a criterion for taking investment decisions. However,